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## Valero Refinery Aruba expected to begin limited production this weekend;

### Government & Valero commit to a joint LNG project



Signing of Letter of Intent to build and LNG facility

When Valero Refinery Aruba closed its doors in late August of 2009, officials stated it was "indefinite" but kept lines of communication open and employees on full salary in anticipation of a possible change of administration. This occurred in September of that year, and the new government headed by Prime Minister Mike Eman, with the efforts of Minister of Finance, Communication, Utilities and Energy, Mike de Meza, announced in June of 2010 an agreement had been reached with Valero Re-

finery Aruba and the facility would reopen within 3 months with an investment by Valero of \$50 million to retool and restart.

Yesterday morning, the government called a media conference extraordinary, to announce the refinery has been deemed safe for operation and will begin limited production this coming weekend. "We have been working around the clock," explained Ray Buckley, Vice President and General Manager of Valero Refinery Aruba. "Total cost for retool-

ing to acceptable production and safety levels were \$97 million dollars; we expect to be in full production by mid-January, 2011."

Prime Minister Eman and Minister de Meza emphasized the economic importance of the refinery and their agreements with Valero. Central Bank of Aruba predicts resumed production will increase the island's GDP by 10 to 12%, which strengthens the value of the Aruban florin. Additionally, Valero had an agreement prior to closing to provide low cost fuel oil to Aruba's power and water producer, WEB. This service will recommence with the restarting of the refinery, thus lowering the cost of power production for Aruba, which will eventually be passed on to the consumer.

The special meeting included the signing of an agreement between Valero and the Aruban Government to jointly pursue the establishment of a Liquid Natural Gas facility on the island, which will initially provide for the needs of both Valero and WEB.

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## Qaeda threatens attacks on NATO, Europe

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AFP) - An Internet posting yesterday attributed to a senior Al-Qaeda leader in Iraq warned that last weekend's deadly bombings in Stockholm were "only the beginning," and threatened attacks against NATO and Europe.

In an audio recording on the Shumukh al-Islam Islamic website, a man identified as Abu Suleiman al-Nasser, a leader of the Al-Qaeda affiliate in Iraq, warned that the Sweden attacks were "only the beginning of a new era in our jihad," or holy war.

Suleiman, who is "war minister" of the Islamic State of Iraq (ISI), warned NATO countries to "withdraw their troops from Afghanistan immediately and unconditionally," and to "stop their war against Islam."

Otherwise, "you'll have no security" and "expect that we will strike at the heart of Europe," the speaker warned in the nearly two-minute recording.

In a separate communique signed in his name, the previously unheard of Partisans of Islamic Jihad urged jihadists to try to wreak havoc during the Christmas and New Year holidays in the West with false reports of imminent attacks.

"Take care in the coming days to sow terror and panic in unholy ground," said the statement on the Shumukh al-Islam site. "We want to terrify with false alerts."

The same website on Sunday identified the bomber behind Saturday's attacks in Stockholm as Taimur Abdelwahab and published a photograph it said was him.

## Cholera cases in Dominican Republic now at 32

SANTO DOMINGO, The Dominican Republic (AFP) - The number of cholera cases in the Dominican Republic has risen to 32, but with no fatal cases from the outbreak, news reports said yesterday.

Health officials have introduced new measures to slow the advance of the cholera epidemic from neighboring Haiti,

which is suffering a much more severe outbreak of the potentially lethal disease.

President Leonel Fernandez this week was to receive a visit from Haitian President Rene Preval for talks on coordinating anti-cholera efforts across the whole of Hispaniola, the Caribbean island shared by the two countries

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## US warns Haiti could risk aid freeze

WAKEFIELD, Canada (AFP) - The United States and Canada yesterday signaled mounting impatience with the leaders of Haiti warning them to make greater efforts to resolve their nation's problems or risk an aid freeze.

US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said there was "a growing frustration... that as we're approaching the one-year anniversary of the Haitian earthquake that there hasn't been the kind of coordinated, coherent response from the government of Haiti that is called for."

Haiti, hit by more upheaval and unrest following the disputed results of November presidential elections, topped the agenda for North American talks in Canada.

The United States and Canada have led efforts to pump aid and know-how into

Haiti since the January 12 earthquake which devastated the capital Port-au-Prince, killed 250,000 people and left 1.3 million homeless.

Clinton said Friday's call to suspend direct aid to Haiti from Senator Patrick Leahy, Senate Judiciary Committee chairman, "should be heeded by the leaders of Haiti that this is a very strong signal that we expect more and we're looking for more."

Leahy also urged Washington to deny travel visas to top Haiti officials to force a fair outcome to the Caribbean nation's disputed presidential elections.

His appeal came after violent protests -- triggered by charges of vote-rigging -- left five dead in cities around the impoverished Caribbean country.

## Florida freeze squeezes orange juice prices

NEW YORK (AFP) - Fears of frosty weather in Florida sent orange juice prices soaring to three-year highs on the New York commodities exchange yesterday.

Weather forecasts warn the bitterly cold weather, with near record-lows, will hit the Sunshine State until Wednesday.

Governor Charles Crist has declared a state of emergency "due to the threat of severe cold weather and to ensure timely precautions are taken to protect Florida's agricultural crops and the general welfare of the State."

Orange juice for January delivery jumped to 1.71 dollars a pound, up 10 cents from Friday, rising more than 15 percent since the beginning of the month.

Florida's citrus market, the world's second largest after Brazil, generates more than nine billion dollars a year.



## Pointers to Ponder

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## Get Organized!

### Easy, simple strategies to getting your life in order

**"You can find pictures anywhere. It is simply a matter of noticing things and organizing them. You just have to care about what is around you and have a concern with humanity and the human comedy."**

-Elliott Erwitt

**How we spend our time says a lot about who we are**

If you are simply too tired or do not have adequate time to do anything in the evenings, then your daily routine is out of balance and you need to make adjustments.

Your work can be too difficult or unsuitable, or you may not be making full use of your hours during your day or evening. A good balance of your time is needed for work, goals, recreation, and relaxation. Take a close look at your daily routine, examine your findings and come up with a plan. Be prepared to follow your plan and with this, you can become better organized.

**Why be better organized?**

Being busy will keep your mind off worry because you will not be thinking of two different things at one time. You can make good use of your time away from work to increase your knowledge of things and life, to work at a hobby or project, and then to relax and be content. This is good balance and when you are better balanced your are better organized.

Perhaps you are a single parent and in a bit of a time crunch each day. Make a point to sit and relax each day and plan. If you are careful you should be able to find just a few hours each day to apply yourself to being better organized.

"I know of no more encouraging fact than the unquestionable ability of man to elevate his life by conscious endeavor." - Henry Thoreau (1817-1862)

Most of us use only a small amount of our true capabilities and we can all do so much more. You can learn new things. This will give you new purpose in life and a feeling of achievement. Read nonfiction books to increase your knowledge of everyday things in life and to learn new skills or to improve on existing ones. All of this will help you to be better organized.

The more organized you are the more time you will have for yourself. As you become better organized, take on a new after-hours project. Start with something small and work your way up to devoting more and more time to your project. Perhaps you can take on a new woodworking project, for example. Once you complete it, you will feel good about yourself and how you are spending your new, organized time.

**Have a place for everything and everything in its place; that way you are freed up in body and mind to take**

**on new endeavors.**

If you are under a lot of stress, a more passive and relaxing undertaking might be just what you need, at least to start with. For just one day a week, or a few hours on certain days, set aside time for your own unique enjoyment. When you do this, staying organized will not feel as much of a chore. You will naturally wish to remain organized so that you will have more time for yourself.

Take a walk in the around your house, on your street, listen to lovely music, read an interesting novel, leisurely work in the yard, or watch a bit of TV. Get involved in some activity at your church; these are all of the positive benefits in time from staying organized.

"When I go into my garden with a spade, and dig a bed, I feel such an exhilaration and health that I discover that I have been defrauding myself all this time in letting others do for me what I should have done with my own hands." - Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)

Tomorrow I will give you a list of practical things you can do to help you to remember to organize. Yes, we will have to remember, because it will be so easy to forget and fall back into the old rut of being disorganized. Look out for tomorrow's edition of the Morning News for the follow-up article with my tips.

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## RBTT San Nicolas Branch moves to another location

SAN NICOLAS – RBTT Bank proudly announces the re-opening of its new offices in San Nicolas. The two prior branches have been integrated into one office, which is situated at the Arubus Commercial Center, B v.d. Veen Zeppenveldstraat 26-A.

The integration of the two branches is part of RBTT Bank's dedication to improv-

ing service to their clients, especially those of San Nicolas.

The offices are situated in a very modern building where visitors can get all the necessary banking services under one roof. In this new location, RBTT Bank, with its professional and dedicated staff, will continue providing all that is needed by their clients to achieve their financial goals.

## Garage Centraal adopts an entire herd of donkeys



Well-known car dealership of Mercedes, Hyundai and Isuzu has surprised the Aruban Donkey Sanctuary with a most unusual adoption. The dealer regularly organizes theme days for its employees which benefit a local charity. This time the children of the Garage Centraal employees were allowed to choose a charity and these lovely kids were unanimous in adopting donkeys as part of the dealer's New Year's campaign.

A large number of family members were present at the Donkey Sanctuary when the donation was handed over and seventeen children could receive the adoption papers for their own donkeys. They were thrilled!

First of all the group received an explanation about the activities of the sanctuary and they were shown around. Then the seventeen lucky kids



received the adoption papers as well as an adoption T-shirt. The Garage Centraal employees were all wearing specially made T-shirts, which mentioned the sanctuary as well as Garage Centraal.

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## Zeewijk pier finally gets expanded

ORANJESTAD -- Four months ago Minister Otmar Oduber, in his review of the various fisherman's piers which included the pier at Zeewijk, held conversations with a few fishermen; and he observed that especially the Zeewijk pier was in bad condition.

After several meetings, last Saturday, together with Minister Mike de Mezas and Parliamentarian Melvin Tromp an encounter was held with the fishermen of the area.

In this encounter the minister reiterated his vision for the fishing business on Aruba, and how the newly revised LVV (Agriculture, Husbandry and Fisheries) Department should serve the fishing community. Oduber emphasized that this department is to provide every assistance necessary to all fisherman across the island.

Accompanying the minis-



ter on his visit to the Zeewijk pier was Nathalie Maduro, member of the DLVV management team as well as the board of the Hadicurari.

With reference to the Zeewijk situation, the minister indicated that by February work will begin on a 10 meter expansion of the pier and later on still another ex-

pansion of another 10 meters in the width.

In addition an anchor with bouys will be placed outside the pier area for other boats to be able to anchor there as well. He also promised better illumination and fresh water facilities

Furthermore, an improvement in the general infrastructure of the area is on the minister's agenda for the Zeewijk area, which is scheduled for the second phase of the proposed work.

Ultimately, the minister envisions the possibility of eventually holding the popular Soul Beach Festival on the Zeewijk area hopefully with the financial support of the FDA funds. Obviously, our fishermen were extremely pleased with the plans and attention received from the government and look forward to the positive changes as of the start of the New Year.

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Power, Automotive Art, Simpson Motors Suzuki SX4WRC, scheduled to debut on Rally Jamaica in December 2010.

The Suzuki SX4 WRC, is powered by a 2.0-litre, fourcylinderturbo-charged engine based on the Suzuki J20 SX4 power-plant delivering power and torque in excess of 300hp and 500Nm.

The SX4 has a sequential gearbox with paddle shift and externally-mounted clutch with the power being transferred to the road via permanent four wheel drive with an active centre differential.

Stopping power is provided by Brembo Brakes and the SX4 uses BOS dampers, with rebound control system (different tarmac and gravel). As with any Suzuki, build quality and safety is of paramount importance and the SX4 has a WRC shell with full roll cage, Recaro carbon kevlar HANS device seats equipped with Sparco HANS harnesses.

Sean Gill has been confirmed as the driver to pilot the Suzuki SX4 WRC.



A multiple champion with numerous class wins under his belt, Sean is looking forward to this fantastic new challenge. Gill finished an superb fifth overall in Rally Barbados

at the wheel of a WRC Lancer 05 in his first competitive drive in a World Rally Car and will have his regular Co-driver Michael 'Zippy' Cummins alongside him.

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When negotiating for the re-opening of the refinery, the concept of a public/private project to reduce Aruba's fuel costs and lower its carbon footprint was a part of the discussion.

During the Green Energy Conference in September/October, Ray Buckley elaborated on the plans for a joint facility, and the signing of this "Letter of Intent" confirms the determination of both parties to see it become a reality. Prime Minister Eman read a letter of consent from the Foreign Minister of Venezuela to construct a pipeline from Venezuela to Aruba to pump natural gas to the island. This is one of the avenues of bringing LNG to Aruba, but not the only solution which designers of the project are exploring.

The present agreement allows for the investigation of all possibilities of deploying a LNG facility for Aruba. Engineers from both



**Prime Minister Mike Eman, Ray Buckly, Minister of Finance Mike de Meza, Director of WEB O.J. Boekhoudt and board members of Utilities N.V.**

Valero and WEB will consider the construction of an LNG terminal, whether stable on land or floating on the water, as an alternative or to

augment a pipeline from Venezuela. Location and distribution are also being studied. It is proposed that the public transport system

will be retooled to run on LNG, further reducing Aruba's dependence on fossil fuel and CO2 emissions. A study in 2007 revealed

Aruba to be the 7th highest nation in the world for the production of CO2 emissions per capita population. There showed a substantial reduction since 1990, but this is a placement on the charts that the present administration would very much like to remedy.

Prime Minister Mike Eman expressed his gratitude to Ray Buckley, Valero and Minister de Mesa for their concerted efforts to reach a viable agreement on all issues, which will benefit the company and the island economy.

The refinery provides jobs for nearly 700 islanders; many of which were kept on full salary by Valero for the entire time it was closed. It is expected to produce from 120,000 to 140,000 barrels of refined product daily; 200,000 per day when operating at full capacity next year.

by Rosalie Klein



## Sci-Tech

# IBM pitches "smart" cities as planet savers



SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) — IBM is helping cities worldwide get "smarter" about using resources in ways that are good for the Earth as well as local budgets.

IBM announced that the coastal Texas town of Corpus Christi has joined cities such as London, Sydney, Stockholm, and Amsterdam in using Internet Age tools to better manage water, trash, parks and more.

"Look at the way the planet is evolving in terms of demographics and environmental considerations," said Guruduth Banavar, chief technology officer of global public sector efforts at IBM.

"It is pretty easy to see that we need to do some things dramatically differently."

Urbanization and climbing population are putting stress on the environment, and problems are exacerbated by inefficient uses of energy, water and land.

Technology can glean information about pipes, streets, parks, traffic and other once "dumb" parts of cities to effectively target solutions and, in some cases, fix things before they break, according to Banavar.

"There is a lot of information available to us through technology that is not being put to use very well," he said.

New York State based IBM and rivals such as Siemens in Germany and Cisco in California are providing systems that collect, share, analyze and act on data from historically "dumb" things in communities.

Banavar used the example of Corpus Christi, which went from tracking city work crews and projects on paper and index cards to getting real-time feedback and analytics regarding roads, buildings and more electronically.

"Now, they have information to say why problems occur, where they are and

what can be done to prevent them," Banavar said. "At the end of the day, it is all about managing information to improve operations."

IBM software is being used in Corpus Christi to manage wastewater treatment plants, reservoirs, approximately 1,250 miles (2,012 kilometers) of wastewater mains and a water treatment plant that can hold 170 million gallons (643,520 cubic meters).

The system is relied on to provide water to the city's more than 280,000 residents.

Tracking of water pipe repairs revealed that nearly a third of the problems were at 1.4 percent of the sites served. Plans were put in place to fix underlying problems and cut ongoing repair costs.

Data analysis also showed that small pipes accounted

## Stem cells from testes may cure diabetic men

Someday, men with Type 1 diabetes may be cured using stem cells from their own testes, if a current line of research pans out.

Researchers have taken the stem cells that would differentiate into sperm from adult men and, after a five-week process, transformed them into cells that secrete insulin, just like the beta islet cells in the pancreas, which Type 1 diabetes destroys. The researchers will present their findings today (Dec. 12) at the American Society of Cell Biology 50th annual meeting in Philadelphia.

In Type 1 diabetes, the immune system attacks and destroys the beta-islet cells of the pancreas, so the body can no longer process glucose using insulin, the hormone they produce.

With these new, pseudo-pancreatic cells, the researchers have successfully brought down the blood glu-

for a disproportionate number of water main breaks, prompting a switch to larger pipes to avoid future troubles.

Skills of repair crew members are automatically factored into scheduling jobs.

"You can improve efficiencies maybe two-fold," Banavar said. "When problems persist, you can dig deeper to find out underlying causes and apply predictive maintenance."

Corpus Christi is going to use sensors in its trash collection program to improve recycling and handling of waste.

"We want to use information to make the planet a better place," Banavar said. "We can start solving these problems on the city level, then start connecting cities and scale out across the whole planet."

Cities can have a more selfish motivation in that better using resources means doing more with tight budgets.

"Corpus Christi is evolving into a more sustainable city," said city administrative superintendent Steve Klepper.

"We have the real-time status of city services, automated work orders and an overview of city's infrastructure to better manage our resources, as well as better maintain the city's mission-critical assets."

cos levels of diabetic mice.

The technique is promising, but there's still work to do.

"We need to get the amount of insulin up to the point [of] being secreted from each cell that it will be enough to cure diabetes in humans," said G. Ian Galliano, a developmental and stem cell biologist at Georgetown University Medical Center. "If you are a mouse and you have diabetes, you are in luck, we can help you."

Embryonic stem cell research has also been a politically sensitive topic, because it involves the destruction of a human embryo. Because of this, researchers have experimented with other techniques, such as this one, to turn adult cells into beta-islet cells. One involves coaxing adult cells back to an embryonic-like state by introducing new genes into them - however, these produce cancer, according to Galliano.

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## Navy test fires electromagnetic cannon

WASHINGTON (AFP) — The US Navy announced a successful test Friday of an electromagnetic cannon capable of firing a projectile 110 nautical miles (200 kilometers) at five times the speed of sound.

"This demonstration moves us one day closer to getting this advanced capability to sea," said Rear Admiral Nevin Carr, chief of naval research.

Tested at the Navy's Dahlgren Surface Warfare Center in Virginia, the futuristic weapon uses powerful jolts of electric current to propel a non-explosive slug along rails before launching it at supersonic velocities.

The latest test involved a 33-megajoule shot, the most powerful ever attempted and three times that of the previous test in January 2008.

A megajoule is equivalent to the energy released when a one-tonne vehicle slams into

a wall at 100 miles (160 kilometers) per hour.

"Today's railgun test demonstrates the tactical relevance of this technology, which could one day complement traditional surface ship combat systems," Carr said.

"The 33-megajoule shot means the Navy can fire projectiles at least 110 nautical miles, placing sailors and marines at a safe standoff distance and out of harm's way."

He added that "the high velocities achievable are tactically relevant for air and missile defense."

The test model bears little resemblance to a gun. Instead, thick black cables plug into the rear of what looks like a long rectangular grill.

That armature holds the rails together as a powerful electric current surges through them, pushing the slug forward.

## WebTunes provides web-based iTunes interface

Music fans who want to marry their song library to the power of the Web have a new potential union available: WebTunes, a program that lets users play their iTunes library through their browser.

Though it provides a Web interface, WebTunes is actually a program that you install on your home computer. Once set up, it automatically connects to your default browser, which in turn opens iTunes and displays the artists and albums in your library—not in a grid or list, like Apple's program, but in a "cloud" formation that displays your most-played music most prominently. (It's

also worth noting that you can't close iTunes while WebTunes is running on your browser; try, and iTunes will restart automatically.)

WebTunes also displays a Wikipedia entry for the artist you're hearing—although this is an imperfect feature: It displayed an entry for "The Clique Series" of young-adult novels while we played a song by The Quick & Easy Boys.

The program also offers links to the artist and their music through AllMusic, Google, and the iTunes store. A feature that lets users share information about their music via social networking services is still unavailable.





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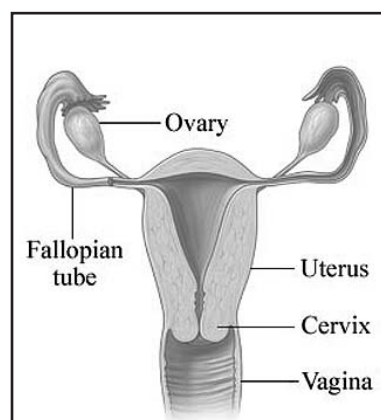
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### Health & Living

## Study: Few Lives Saved by Ovarian Cancer Screening



Available ovarian cancer screening only slightly reduces the number of deaths from the disease, a new study finds.

Until more sensitive screening tests can be developed, other strategies, such as better prevention and treatment, are needed to significantly reduce deaths from ovarian cancer, the researchers from Duke University Medical Center said.

The study team used a computer-based model of ovarian cancer progression to

assess how effective screening is in reducing deaths from the disease. The model took into account that some types of ovarian cancers grow slowly while others grow more quickly.

Annual screening leads to only a modest decrease in ovarian cancer deaths, found the study.

"If we assume ovarian cancers grow and spread at different rates, the best screening strategy available will only reduce the number of women dying from this cancer by 11 percent. This is partially because the slower-growing cancers are more likely to be caught by a screening test," team leader Dr. Laura Havrilesky said in a journal news release.

The findings support the widely held opinion that many ovarian cancers remain in the early stages for a long time, while advanced-stage ovarian cancers tend to spread rapidly.



LONDON, England (AFP) — Eight people have died from swine flu in England since early September, health authorities have told AFP, with Britain seemingly at the forefront of a winter resurgence in Europe.

The Health Protection Agency (HPA) insisted it was to be expected that the H1N1 strain of flu that caused the 2009 pandemic would be the most common strain this winter.

A spokeswoman told AFP Saturday that since early September, "10 deaths associated with confirmed influenza infection in England have been reported, eight with influenza A H1N1."

Professor John Watson, head of respiratory diseases

department at the HPA, told The Independent newspaper: "We seem to be in the vanguard on this. Other European countries are just beginning to see some H1N1 activity."

Britain was among the first countries hit by swine flu after it emerged in Mexico early last year, and at one point recorded more than 100,000 new cases a week as the virus was officially declared a pandemic.

Watson said in a statement: "Over the last few weeks we have seen a rise in the number of cases of seasonal flu, including both H1N1 (2009) and flu B."

"We have also received reports of patients with serious illness requiring hospitalisation and outbreaks of flu in schools across the country."

He warned that it was dangerous for the elderly, pregnant women and people with heart, lung, liver or kidney problems, and urged people to get vaccinated if they were in an at-risk group.

In Britain, spread of swine flu slowed over summer 2009

then briefly accelerated again in cooler autumn weather and as children returned to school in September, but then dropped off into the winter months, and as vaccines started being used. The World Health Organisation declared the swine flu pandemic over in August, more than a year after the new virus spread around the world, sparking panic and killing thousands before fizzling out.



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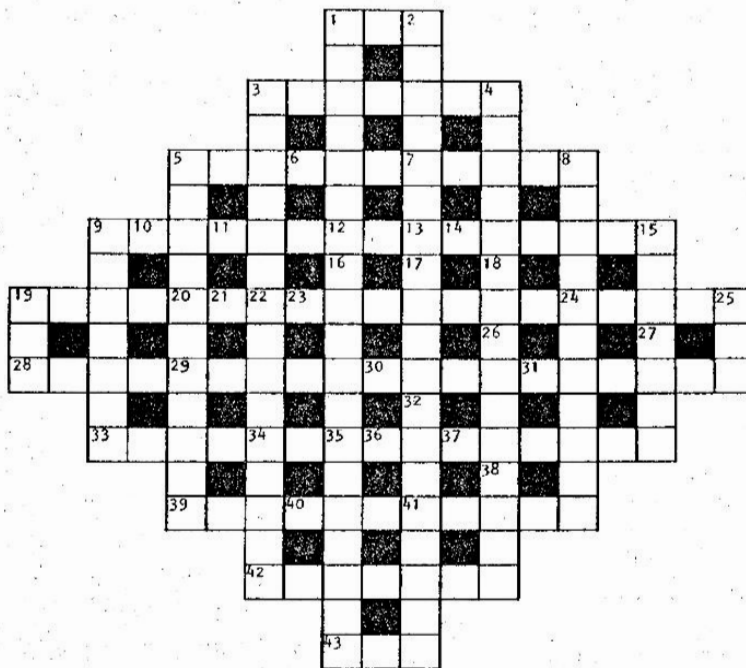


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5. Nab
6. Elate
7. Slipped up
9. "\_\_\_ of Eden"
10. Actress Mary
11. Baseball-manager Joe
12. Peruse
13. Yemen port
14. Mile-High City
19. Cost
21. French legislative body
23. Of course!
24. Melodious
28. Ploy for Becker
29. Rod for thread
30. Host
31. Ahead
33. Popeye or Sinbad
34. Hunter in the sky
36. "\_\_\_ upon a midnight dreary"
37. Cherry red
39. Actress Betty
40. Cloud, as with tears
41. Bedouins, e.g.
42. Foes
43. Droop

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2. Concern of 1 Down
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4. Kind of window
5. Trig functions
8. Fiend
9. Awaits
15. Unusual
16. West African baboon
17. Soup dish
18. French dramatist
19. Flow's partner
20. Building an aerie
22. Magazine worker
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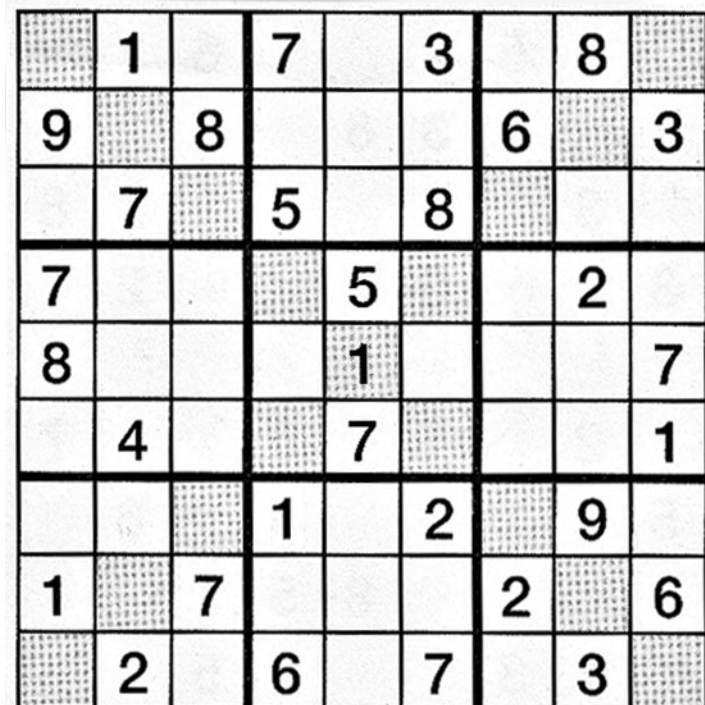
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6	2	8	4	5	3	1	9	7
4	1	9	8	6	5	7	2	3
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## Finance

### GE launches £800 mln bid for British group Wellstream



NEW YORK CITY, (AFP) – The US industrial conglomerate General Electric said on Monday it had launched a friendly takeover bid worth 800 million pounds for British oil services company Wellstream Holdings.

GE said it hoped the offer would be completed in the first quarter of 2011.

General Electric is offering 780 pence for each Wellstream share, along with a special div-

idend of six pence.

Wellstream has twice rejected offers from GE but the parties in the last few days managed to reach an agreement, the Financial Times newspaper reported.

The paper said the last offer was for 750 pence per share, which would value Wellstream at 755 million pounds.

Wellstream is active at two production sites in Britain and Brazil, employing about 850 people and is a leading supplier of flexible pipes for the oil and gas sector.

Its operation in Brazil is among its chief attractions, with the Brazilian energy giant Petrobras among its biggest clients.

Wellstream last year had an operating profit of 50 million pounds from sales of 382 million pounds

### Dell eyes cloud-computing in \$820 mln deal



NEW YORK CITY (AFP) – Computer maker Dell will acquire data-storage firm Compellent for 820 million dollars, as it eyes the rapidly growing cloud-computing market, the two companies said on Monday.

#### YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer



Dell, the world's second-largest computer company, said it will integrate Compellent's technology into its business storage solutions portfolio.

Compellent's technology enables organizations to store large quantities of data online, slashing storage costs and securing the information.

"Compellent is a natural complement to Dell's expanding enterprise storage portfolio," said Dell executive Brad Anderson.

"The Compellent storage platform will enable Dell to provide customers additional mid- and high-end network storage solutions that simplify and reduce the cost of data management."

Dell will pay Compellent 27.75 dollars per share in cash for a total equity value of around 960 million dollars, or around 820 million dollars excluding Compellent's cash holdings.

Dell recently lost a bidding war with bigger rival Hewlett-Packard to buy 3Par, a leader in cloud computing technology.

## Euro turns higher against dollar

LONDON, England (AFP) – The European single currency turned higher against the dollar on Monday as the markets welcomed apparent policy restraint by China despite a sharp spike in its inflation rate, dealers said.

They said the fact that China held fire on hiking interest rates despite news that inflation jumped to 5.1 percent in November from 4.4 percent in October suggested Beijing may be very cautious in reining in the economy.

That view generally gave stock markets a boost, especially in Asia where China is the major growth driver, as investors were encouraged to take on a bit more risk -- which also redounds to the euro's benefit.

Dealers said the investors were also waiting for a meeting of the US Federal Reserve this week while also keeping an eye on eurozone debt issues in the run up to a European Union summit.

In late Monday trade, the

euro was higher at 1.3382 dollars, up from 1.3226 dollars in New York late on Friday.

The dollar was also weaker against the Japanese unit, falling to 83.56 yen from 83.94 yen on Friday.

The Fed is expected to maintain interest rates at their current historic low between zero and 0.25 percent but could give some detail on last month's decision to renew massive asset purchases in an effort to support recovery.

"The Fed is not expected to do anything dramatic at its last meeting of the year," Brooks said.

"The European Union summit on Thursday and Friday is likely to be the most important event for the euro this week," said Commerzbank analyst Ulrich Leuchtmann.

"At the meeting, the permanent crisis mechanism will be drawn up, which will replace the temporary regulations agreed on in May.

"Even though the finance ministers laid down the basic

principles during a meeting at the end of November, once again the devil is in the details."

Leuchtmann said the financial markets would welcome clarity on the issue.

"By coming to a decision so quickly a lot of uncertainty would be removed from the markets but until then this uncertainty is going to maintain pressure on euro/dollar," he added.

In London on Monday, the euro changed hands at 1.3382 dollars against 1.3226 dollars late in New York on Friday, at 111.81 yen (111.03), 0.8437 pounds (0.8367) and 1.2949 Swiss francs (1.2966).

The dollar stood at 83.56 yen (83.94) and 0.9677 Swiss francs (0.9805).

The pound was at 1.5860 dollars (1.5803).

On the London Bullion Market, the price of gold rose to 1,399 dollars an ounce from 1,375.25 dollars late on Friday.

## Oil prices rally above 91 dollars

LONDON, England (AFP) – Oil topped 91 dollars on Monday, helped by OPEC's decision to maintain the cartel's output levels, a falling dollar and a cold snap in Europe, dealers said.

Brent North Sea crude for delivery in January advanced 77 cents to 91.25 dollars a barrel in London late afternoon trade.

New York's main contract, light sweet crude for January, gained 73 cents to 88.52 dollars.

"OPEC leaving output unchanged over the weekend and a dollar sell-off helped to propel crude prices higher ... in the midst of the ongoing cold snap in northwestern Europe," VTB Capital analyst Andrey Kryuchenkov told AFP.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) decided Saturday to hold its production quotas at a meeting in Ecuador's capital Quito, stressing looming risks to the fragile global economic recovery.

The 12-nation cartel said

the economic growth that had pushed oil to two-year highs above 92 dollars a barrel last week was likely to slow next year.

That, and the challenges to the world's recovery from the 2008 financial crisis, "would negatively impact on oil demand," it said.

"An interesting aspect of the OPEC meeting were various statements on prices, showing that hawkish OPEC members such as Iran, Libya, Venezuela and Angola have no problem with (oil at) 100 dollars," noted JBC Energy analysts.

"Some OPEC members may ask for higher prices, ignoring how fragile the global economy still is," they added.

Elsewhere, investors absorbed news of soaring Chinese inflation that has stoked concerns about possible government action that could curb the Asian giant's appetite for oil.

China said Saturday that inflation topped five percent for the first time in more than two

years, a figure analysts said would lead to fresh interest rate hikes as officials battle to curb rising prices.

The country's consumer price index rose a faster-than-expected 5.1 percent year-on-year in November as food costs continued to soar, compared with 4.4 percent in October, the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) said.

It was the fastest increase in consumer prices since July 2008, when inflation hit 6.3 percent, and was well above the government's full-year target for three percent.

Kryuchenkov argued that Chinese rate-hike concerns could spark a reversal in oil prices.

"China's November inflation data came out strong (and) ... this means that we could see a rate hike very soon and retract some of these (oil price) gains," he warned.

Traders meanwhile said that a narrower US trade deficit and a blizzard sweeping across the American midwest would continue to support prices.



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## Appy ever after: smartphone users find virtual girlfriend



SEOUL, South Korea (AFP) — Lonesome South Koreans who have trouble finding true love can now get video calls from a beautiful and cute girlfriend -- if they download a smartphone application.

Nabix, a South Korean apps developer, launched one called "Honey, it's me!" on November 30 for iPhone users. It achieved 80,000 downloads a day during an initial free launch period.

There are a number of apps on the market that can make single men feel a little less lonesome, including a night time app that plays the sound of a female sleeping peacefully on the next pillow.

But the "Honey, it's me!" app appears to be the first to make video-calls from a virtual model. Mina, 22, video-

calls smartphone users three to four times a day for some sweet talk.

Her messages range from "Are you still sleeping? Time for breakfast!" to "Good night, sweet dreams".

A Korean model posed for the video calls and recorded more than 100 comments to melt the hearts of single men.

"I've developed this application to console people for their loneliness," Kim Yoon-Kak, head of Nabix, told AFP.

Kim said usage had declined since the app went on sale for 1.99 dollars, but he planned to allow free downloads again from this week.

Early reaction to Mina has been enthusiastic. "It's a blessing for all single men," praised one of the users on Twitter.

"Mina called me while I was working overtime. This is just great," said another.

Nabix now plans new versions with more messages in English, Chinese and Japanese, both for free and with a charge for longer comments. An Android version will also be launched.

## Oprah sails Sydney Harbour with Russell Crowe

SYDNEY, Australia (AFP) — US talkshow queen Oprah Winfrey sailed a postcard-perfect Sydney Harbour with Oscar-winning actor Russell Crowe on Monday as she unveiled an all-star lineup for her Opera House tapings.

Winfrey, 56, hit the famous harbour's glittering waters on board the "Eagle Rock" with Crowe, a Sydney local, tailed by a flotilla of some 20 other yachts.

Wearing a white cap given to her by Crowe and emblazoned with the logo of his South Sydney Rabbitohs rugby league team, Winfrey beamed as she sat at the stern of the boat, talking sport with the "Gladiator" star.

"I'm having the time of my life," Winfrey said.

The harbour featured heavily on the megastar's weekend itinerary, with a glittering waterfront reception Saturday night, complete with fireworks, followed by a Sunday morning climb of the Sydney Harbour Bridge and a visit to Bondi Beach.

Australia paid 2.3 million US dollars to lure the talkshow diva Down Under -- mostly to cover accommodation costs -- but pundits claim the exposure could be worth more than ten times that amount.

Winfrey has been mobbed by fans across Australia, and was afforded a reception in Melbourne normally reserved for royals or rock-stars.



She will film a double episode extravaganza in front of 12,000 Australian fans in the Sydney Opera House forecourt Tuesday, with special guests to include Crowe, actors Hugh Jackman and Nicole Kidman and rock group Bon Jovi.

Rapper Jay-Z will also feature on the show, Oprah's publicists revealed Monday, with a "soaring finale" to star other "special guests" -- rumoured by local media to include rock stars U2, who are currently touring Australia.

The Oprah Winfrey Show said they received more than 350,000 requests for the free tickets, with the lucky 12,000 selected by ballot. The harbourfront precinct will be in virtual lockdown for the event, with street closures and police cordons.

So much footage had been gathered in Winfrey's whirlwind tour the show said it

would now screen four episodes of her "Ultimate Australian Adventure" in January 2011.

Tourism Minister Martin Ferguson said Winfrey and the 300-strong audience she brought from the United States had visited more than 25 locations across Australia in a vital boost for the ailing tourism industry, struggling with the strong local currency.

"Oprah's Australian visit is creating some incredibly memorable and powerful moments for what is one of the most successful television shows in history," Ferguson said. He said Winfrey's show aired in 23 of Australia's 33 priority tourism markets and advertising worth more than 70 million US dollars had already been generated in Australia and the United States.

"In many ways, the value of this deal is priceless," said Ferguson.

## Dubai movie fest opens with Firth film



DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AFP) — The seventh Dubai International Film Festival (DIFF) opened on Sunday with the Tom Hooper-directed "The King's Speech" starring Colin Firth, which movie pundits say is Oscar-bound.

Firth plays the leading role as Britain's King George VI in

the historical comedy set in a time of fading empire.

A total of 157 films from 57 countries are taking part in this year's DIFF, where new Arab talent is also on show, particularly from Egypt.

"The seventh edition of the Dubai International Film Festival will be extra special not

only for the powerful showcase of movies from around the world and impressive talent line-up of globally acclaimed actors and directors, but also for the largest selections of quality, contemporary Arab cinema anywhere in the world," festival director Abdulhamid Juma said before the opening.

Twelve full-length Arab films are in competition for the Muhr awards, including entries from Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq and Morocco.

Seven of the films are making their screen debut at Dubai, including "Six, seven eight," director Mohammad Diab's latest film, which tackles the issue of sexual harassment in his native Egypt.

US actor and director Sean Penn, known for his political activism, will be recognised with an award, where festival prizes total 600,000 dollars.

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## Messi, Ronaldo light up European goals show

PARIS (AFP) - Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo were locked at the top of the Spanish scoring charts on Sunday as Barcelona and Real Madrid continued their enthralling, high-stakes title duel.

Barcelona demolished Real Sociedad 5-0, with Messi striking twice, to stay two points ahead of Real who saw off bottom club Zaragoza 3-1.

Ronaldo was on the score-sheet in that match to join Argentine master Messi on 17 goals for the season.

"Cristiano Ronaldo is a phenomenal player. He belongs to La Liga and to Spanish fans who watch him on television or in the stands," said Real boss Jose Mourinho.

"He puts on a show in every stadium he visits. Cristiano is a tremendous professional and he scored one of the best goals of his collection."

In Italy, AC Milan won for the 10th time in 12 league games with a 3-0 success at Bologna.

They are six points clear at the top thanks to goals from Kevin-Prince Boateng, Robinho and Zlatan Ibrahimovic.

Lazio failed in their bid to close the gap when Milos Krasic scored a stunning individual winner with the last kick of the game to give Juventus a 2-1 win over the Rome side.

Juve are now in second place.

Milan, who will be guaranteed top spot in a week's time when Serie A shuts down for its winter break, are still in the running for three trophies.

"Everything's possible, we're in the running for all the trophies (league, cup and Champions League), we have to keep going, don't relax, there's still lots of games left so we'll talk about the title another time," said Ibrahimovic, who has nine league

goals to his name.

In Germany, Borussia Dortmund picked up their seventh straight win with a 2-0 victory over Werder Bremen.

A superbly struck free-kick after nine minutes by Dortmund's Turkey midfielder Nuri Sahin put the leaders ahead before Poland striker Robert Lewandowski netted in the 70th minute.

It was Dortmund's 14th win from 16 games with their only defeat coming on the first day of the season back in August. The result left them 11 points clear of Leverkusen who beat Hamburg 4-2.

Champions Bayern Munich remain 17 points behind, but they were buoyed by the news Bastian Schweinsteiger will stay with the club until 2016.

Lille stayed top in France but only after an injury time goal downed bottom club Arles-Avignon.

With second-placed PSG keeping the wheels on their title push with a 2-1 win at Valenciennes, Lille were in danger of seeing their capital rivals overtake them.

But after Arles had manfully held their own Tulio De Melo popped up with a header in the 93rd minute to earn Lille their eighth win of the campaign.

In Holland, defending champions FC Twente were crushed 6-2 at Heerenveen where Moroccan striker Oussama Assaidi struck a hat-trick.

Third-placed Groningen are just two points behind leaders PSV Eindhoven after Tim Matavz scored both goals in a 2-0 home win over AZ Alkmaar.

Ajax are a further point back in fourth spot after Christian Eriksen's 11th minute goal was enough to secure a 1-0 win at Vitesse Arnhem.

PSV, who were held 0-0 at De Graafschap on Saturday, stay top with a one-point lead over FC Twente.

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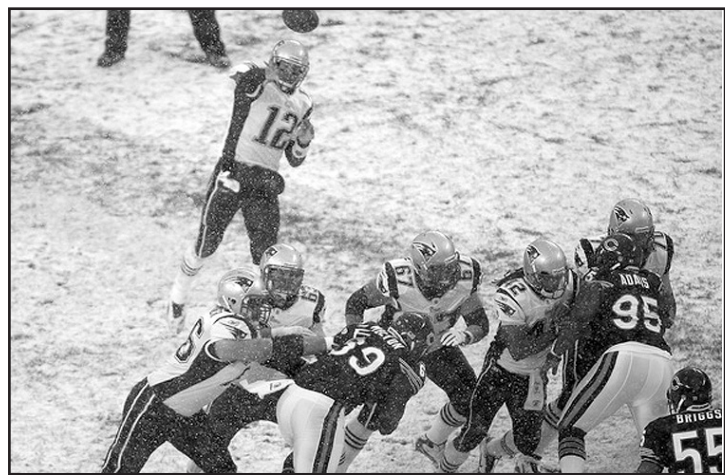
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## Patriots not slowed by snow, book playoff berth



CHICAGO (AFP) - New England defied bitter winter weather to secure their eighth NFL playoff berth in 10 seasons on Sunday with a 36-7 thumping of the Chicago Bears.

In gusting winds and swirling snow, Tom Brady threw for 369 yards and two touchdowns as the Patriots posted their fifth straight victory and improved to 11-2.

The victory came after a quick turnaround from the Patriots' 45-3 Monday night drubbing of the New York Jets.

Despite the difficult conditions, Brady and the Patriots destroyed Chicago's third-ranked defense. He completed 27 of 40 passes and went without an interception for the eighth consecutive game.

"It's one of those days a lot of people would be cozied up near the fireplace drinking hot chocolate, but we work out on Sunday," Brady said. "And all of us were pretty much committed to try to play well, try to execute well in pretty tough conditions and for the most part we did that."

Deion Branch caught eight passes for a career-high 151 yards, including a 59-yard touchdown to cap the first half.

Wes Welker had eight receptions for 115 yards and the Patriots totaled 475 yards while holding NFC North division leaders Chicago to 185.

Although they assured themselves of a playoff berth, Brady said the Patriots had plenty of work to do.

"There's a long way to go," he said. "I don't think anything's really been accomplished yet. We're working hard. I don't think we've got every problem solved. There are plenty of defenses that have kicked us around this year. We don't sit in here and think we've got it all figured out."

The Bears had won five on the trot since their bye. They remained one game ahead of Green Bay in the division after Green Bay were stunned 7-3 by the lowly Detroit Lions.

The Packers were hampered by the loss of quarterback Aaron Rodgers in the second quarter. He was knocked out of the contest with his second concussion of the season.

Atlanta also improved to 11-2, maintaining the best record in the National Football conference with a 31-10 victory over the NFL-worst Panthers in Carolina.

Had other results fallen their way the Falcons could have punched their playoff ticket, but they'll have to wait after Philadelphia held off determined Dallas 30-27.

Jacksonville edged closer to a playoff berth with a 38-31 victory over Oakland.

David Garrard threw three touchdown passes and Maurice Jones-Drew and Rashad Jennings both topped 100 yards rushing as the Jaguars overcame a 10-point deficit.

The Jaguars stayed a game ahead of Indianapolis atop the AFC South and can clinch the division with a victory over the Colts next weekend.

The Raiders lost for the third time in four weeks as their playoff aspirations faded in the AFC West.

San Diego, whose own campaign for a fifth straight AFC West title appeared doomed in recent weeks, routed division leaders Kansas City 31-0 to pull within one game of the Chiefs.

San Francisco notched a 40-21 victory over NFC West rivals Seattle, moving within one game of the division-leading Seahawks and St. Louis Rams - who fell 31-13 at New Orleans.

Pittsburgh improved to 10-3 with a 23-7 victory over hapless Cincinnati.

Troy Polamalu and LaMarr Woodley returned interceptions of Bengals quarterback Carson Palmer for touchdowns as Cincinnati dropped a franchise record 10th straight contest.

Miami kept their playoff hopes alive as they parlayed two early turnovers into their only points in a 10-6 victory over the New York Jets.

In other games, Tampa Bay beat Washington 17-16, Buffalo beat Cleveland 13-6 and Arizona beat Denver 43-13.

## Nationals targeting Lee for first base

WASHINGTON -- The Nationals continue to look for a first baseman and they have expressed interest in free agent Derrek Lee, a baseball source confirmed to MLB.com.

If Lee were to go to Washington, it would mean that the team would have an above average defensive first baseman and a character person, who could lead players such as shortstop Ian Desmond and second baseman Danny Espinosa.

Lee could provide power in the middle of the lineup. This past season, Lee played for the Cubs and Braves and hit a combined .260 with 19 home runs and 80 RBIs. He played most of the season with a thumb injury and had surgery after the Braves were eliminated by the Giants in the National League Division Series. Lee is expected to be 100 percent by Spring Training.

Lee is best known for his years with the Marlins and Cubs. He helped Florida defeat the Yankees in the 2003 World Series and was a big factor in the Cubs going to

the postseason in 2007 and '08.

During his 14-year career, Lee has a career .282 batting average with 312 home runs and 1,019 RBIs. He has also won three Gold Gloves.

Lee isn't the only player the Nationals are looking at to replace Adam Dunn at first base. They are still in the mix for Adam LaRoche. A source indicated that the two parties are in talks, but are not close to an agreement.

Without saying who he was going after, general manager Mike Rizzo said recently he could be looking for a long- or short-term solution at the position. Rizzo said he is not going to be rushed into any deal.

"We will explore both options, so it expands our pool a little bit more," Rizzo said. "I don't ever want to feel rushed to do a deal. I think when you feel rushed to do a deal, you make a deal that you may not have wanted to do. So we are going to look at our options. We feel there are still good options out there, and we will see where they take us."



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## Canada's only Hall of Famer gets his own stamp

OTTAWA (AFP) - Ferguson Jenkins, the only Canadian in the Baseball Hall of Fame, celebrated his 68th birthday on Monday by watching Canada Post begin printing stamps bearing his image.

The stamps, to be issued as part of Black History month next February, portray Jenkins while a youthful pitcher on the mound for the Chicago Cubs with a background of Jenkins being honored with his inclusion on the Canadian Walk of Fame in 2001.

My family came with the Underground Railroad in the 1800s, so it's pretty unique," said Jenkins, referring to the

secret network that smuggled slaves to freedom in Canada from the United States.

"My mother always told me you have to be proud of your heritage and where you're born. That's a big plus for me."

Jenkins, who was born in Chatham, Ontario, made his first appearance on a collectible trading card as a Major League Baseball player back in 1965.

He went 284-226 over 19 seasons with the Philadelphia Phillies, Texas Rangers, Boston Red Sox and the Cubs, compiling a 3.34 earned-run average.

## Jets trainer admits tripping Dolphins player

EAST RUTHERFORD (AFP) - A New York Jets strength and conditioning coach tripped Miami's Nolan Carroll on the sidelines as the Dolphins rookie covered a punt in the teams' NFL clash on Sunday.

Carroll was running down the sideline when he fell to the field, and Jets trainer Sal

Alosi later admitted he interfered with the player.

"I made a mistake that showed a total lapse in judgment," Alosi said in a statement released by the Jets some 2 1/2 hours after the game, which Miami won 10-6.

"My conduct was inexcusable and unsportsmanlike and

does not reflect what this organization stands for."

Carroll, who had an interception in the first quarter that set up a field goal, lay on the turf for several minutes before walking off. He later returned to the game.

Alosi could face discipline from the Jets and from the league.



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